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In re patent application of

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AQUEOUS SOLUTION CONTAINING CHLORINE DIOXIDE

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.17(a))**

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of 3 months from the due date for Office Action dated June 24, 2003.
2. A response in the form of a **Notice of Appeal** is filed simultaneously herewith.
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